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PSC SETS HEARING SCHEDULE IN JACKSON COUNTY COMPLAINT AGAINST TRIGEN-KANSAS CITY AND THERMAL NORTH AMERICA, INC.

JEFFERSON CITY--The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold hearings in October in a complaint case Jackson County, Missouri has filed against Trigen-Kansas City Energy Corp. (Trigen) and Thermal North America, Inc. The complaint centers around the termination of Trigen's steam loop in downtown Kansas City. Trigen provides steam service to approximately 60 downtown Kansas City commercial, industrial and governmental buildings, including Jackson County.

Hearings, scheduled for **October 17-19, 2005**, will be held in the offices of the Missouri Public Service Commission in the Governor Office Building (200 Madison Street in Jefferson City). These hearings will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If anyone is in need of additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Missouri Public Service Commission's hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearings.

Background: On March 29, 2005, Jackson County filed a complaint stating that Trigen had informed its customers of an ordinance passed by the City of Kansas City which required Trigen to permanently remove a portion of its steam piping that lay in the area of planned construction of a downtown arena.

After Trigen removed the noted portion of its steam system, customers would continue to receive service but it would no longer be a loop system (capable of providing service to customers from two directions). Trigen's customers would be served by only one of the two radial connections to the steam plant until the loop is reconstructed.

Jackson County asked the PSC for interim relief, ordering Trigen to not cut the steam loop, alleging that Trigen would no longer be providing safe, reliable and adequate service once termination of the loop occurred. The Commission, in an order issued on April 7, 2005, denied Jackson County's request noting that while reliability of Trigen's steam service would be slightly reduced, Jackson County failed to show that service would be unsafe, unreliable or inadequate after the loop was cut and Trigen provided service over two radial lines.

The complaint case currently before the Commission seeks a determination of whether, and in what manner, the distribution loop is to be restored and who will pay the cost of relocating and restoring the loop.